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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Group Art Unit: 2879

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Examiner: S. Leurig

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For: Fluorescent Lamp, Discharge
Lamp And Liquid Crystal
Backlight Device Incorporating
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2003, please amend the instant application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-4 without disclaimer or prejudice.

Please replace claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20 and 21 with the following:

1. The fluorescent lamp according to claim 5, wherein the outer electrode is so designed as to satisfy the formula:

$$w \times n \leq 0.3$$

where $w(\text{cm})$ is a width of the conductor comprising the outer electrode and $n(\text{turns/cm})$ is the average number of turns of the conductor in the unit length in the axial direction of the glass tube.